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MEMORANDUM

TO: File
FROM: Jerry Olds *JO*
SUBJECT: Utah Lake Proposed Distribution Plan
DATE: November 18, 1991

On Thursday, November 14, 1991, the State Engineer held a public meeting to answer questions concerning the revised distribution plan for the Utah Lake Drainage Basin. The revised plan was mailed out on October 15, 1991. The meeting was held in the Department of Natural Resources Auditorium at 2:00 p.m. There were approximately sixty water users in attendance and attached is an attendance list.

Bob Morgan opened the meeting by covering the major events and activities during the last six months concerning this matter. In addition, he indicated the purpose for this meeting was to answer any questions that the water users might have and identify any issues that need additional consideration. Following that, I gave a brief overview of the major changes to the revised distribution plan and also discussed the primary system and priority storage concept. The meeting was then opened up for questions and answers.

Mr. Joe Novak asked the first questions, of which there were several. Following is a brief summary of Mr. Novak's questions:

- 1) It is his opinion that North Jordan Irrigation Company is supplied from accretionary flows to the Jordan River. In the distribution plan we indicate that North Jordan Irrigation Company does have a call on Utah Lake water and Mr. Novak objects to this.
- 2) The acreage of the North Jordan Irrigation Company combined with the water that they sold to Kennecott, in Mr. Novak's opinion, is higher than provided for under the Morse or Booth Decrees.
- 3) It is Mr. Novak's opinion that under the water right of Salt Lake City, there should also be included a ten percent carrier water in the agreement between Salt Lake City and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. It was agreed that all carrier water would remain with the portion of the right retained by Salt Lake City. Thus, it is his opinion that their water right should be the 11,000, plus 3600 acre-feet.

- 4) It is Mr. Novak's opinion that we should reduce the demand on Utah Lake for the 25,000 acre-feet sold to the Central Utah District and also the 57,073 acre-feet acquired by the District from Kennecott.
- 5) He objects to the policy set forth with regards to exchange applications and cited the exchanges of the Provo River Project under Certificate Number 7725 and Application 11425.

The next question was asked by Mr. Keith Hansen and was concerning where the 5,000 acre-feet of regulation storage proposed for Jordanelle Reservoir and where does it come from. In discussions concerning this matter, Howard Pearson with the Conservancy District indicated that they had worked closely with Mr. Stan Roberts this past summer and could see the need for such storage. Also, David Frandsen, with the Bureau of Reclamation, said if we did not specify a specific amount of storage, the Bureau could support the concept without having to look at repayment obligations. Stan Roberts, the Commissioner on the Provo River also addressed this issue indicating why, in his opinion, he needs this regulation storage.

David Frandsen, representing the Bureau of Reclamation, expressed concern about the North Jordan Rights, similar to those of Mr. Novak.

Brad Gardner, River Commissioner for the Utah Lake Jordan River, asked a question on how we arrived at the 125,000 acre-feet figure for the primary storage in Utah Lake.

Nick Sefakis, General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City, asked a question concerning the proposed Utah Lake authority and what the potential impacts of it may be on the distribution plan.

All of the questions were responded to, and in my opinion, we adequately addressed those that were within our responsibility and authority. In reviewing the questions, I believe that it pointed out several issues that we perhaps need to do some additional evaluation on. These are: 1) Reducing the demand on Utah Lake by 82,000 acre-feet to represent that water which has been purchased by the Central Utah District. In doing so, the total allowable system storage should be reduced proportionally; and 2) We need to further review the North Jordan Irrigation Company issue.

In closing the meeting, Bob discussed the issue of where do we go from here? He indicated that we could move ahead gradually in implementing various phases of the proposed plan and try to have it in place by November 1, 1992. From the reaction of the group, it was unclear whether they were in total support of the proposed distribution plan, understood it fully, or had any significant problems with it. As a result of this uncertainty, Bob indicated

that he would allow comments to be submitted concerning the revised plan, up until January 15, 1992. Then based upon the comments submitted, the State Engineer would make a decision as to any possible future actions. Bob stated that he would hold another public meeting after he has had an opportunity to review and evaluate the comments.

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Attachment

Attendance Roster

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Name

Representing

Glenda McMaster

Water Rights

Daryl Devey

Central Utah Water Cons. Distr.

Steve Clyde

Clyde, Pratt & Snow - S.C.C.

Howard Pearson

Central Utah Water C.D.

JOSEPH NOVAK

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PROVO RIVER WATER

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Jonathan Jones

Bureau of Reclamation Pro

David Frandsen

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Robert Fillenip

PROVO RIVER CANALS Comm

Bruce Chesnut

City of Orem

Russell O'Brien

Orem metro water

Jack Jones

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C.C. Schramm

Strawberry Canal.

Steven B. Jann

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LeRoy Withers

So Jordan Canal Co

Reed Mackay

So Jordan Canal Co

BRAD GARDNER

Ut Lake: Jon Riv Comm.

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Harold Nelson

Wasatch Co.

Carl M. En

Wasatch Co.

Elizabeth Fairbairn

Draper Irrigation Co.

Wayne H. Ballant

Draper Irrigation

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Utah S.L. Canal

Paul Schmitt

Utah S.L. Canal

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Ethan Woodbury
Nelson Peterson
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David R. Baird

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Mark Holden
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Keith Hansen
LEE CASE
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Tom Aldrich

John A. Swasey
Blake Cox
Rick Carpenter

DARREL M. SCOW
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Ray L. MONTGOMERY

Tim Doxey
Steve Thurin
Paul Hummer
Stan Roberts

Eugene Bigler
RICHARD BAY
David Board
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Ut. Salt Lake Canal
Utah & Salt Lake Canal Co
Parsons Behle & Latimer
Lower Jordan Water Commission

Utah Div. Wildlife Res.
UT. DIV. OF DRINKING WATER
Kennecott & North Jordan Irrig. Co.
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U.S.G.S. Water Resources
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Jim Riley
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SCOTT FLANDRO

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John Menacall
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Bill Schottbauer

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